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H.B. No. 1644

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that an applicant for an original driver's license complete a course on the laws relating to driving while intoxicated.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.148 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.148. COURSE ON LAWS APPLICABLE TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED REQUIRED. (a) The department may not issue an original driver's license to an applicant unless the applicant has completed and passed a course on the laws relating to driving while intoxicated, including the consequences of committing the offense of driving while intoxicated.

(b) The department by rule shall prescribe:

(1) the curriculum for the course;
(2) the qualifications required for course providers;
(3) the form of proof required to establish successful completion of the course; and
(4) other requirements the department considers necessary.

(c) Rules adopted under Subsection (b) may provide that an applicant may satisfy the requirements of this section by submitting a certificate issued under Chapter 1001, Education Code, that states that the applicant has completed and passed a driver

1 education course.

2 (d) This section does not apply to renewal of a driver's
3 license.

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
5 to an application for the issuance of an original driver's license
6 submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An
7 application for the issuance of an original driver's license
8 submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
9 law in effect when the application is submitted, and the former law
10 is continued in effect for that purpose.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.